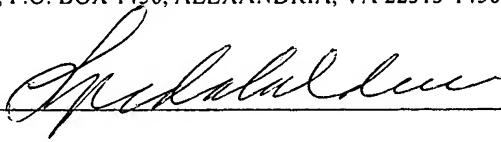


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**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2005 (Paper No. 0805). This response is being timely submitted by March 6, 2006 in view of the simultaneous filing of a Request to Continue Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time for three months including payment of required fees.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: